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Concedes Handicaps Ranging
From 1,000 to 2,500 Points
in 18,000-Point
Game.

One of the important events in the restoration of sports in England to a pre-war basis will be a billiard championship tournament, in which Melbourne Inman, title holder, will be called on to defend his laurels. Latest dispatches from London state the tournament will be conducted either in March or April. It will be a handicap competition, with Inman playing from scratch for 18,000 points, and conceding handicaps ranging probably from 1,000 to 2,500 points. Under this arrangement it is felt that the champion will encounter serious opposition.

The nature of the handicap allowances has not yet been definitely decided, although the committee in charge has practically agreed on this style tournament for the purpose of equalizing the play, and giving aspiring billiardists a chance against the champion. Inman submitted, as his own idea of what would make a good handicap, the scale of from 1,000 to 2,500 points to his rivals. In addition, Inman expressed a willingness to oppose any or all of four leading rivals on the terms of this handicap basis for £200 a side.

Claude Falkner, who is advancing rapidly to the front in English billiard circles, is among Inman's foremost rivals. G. A. Hegnbotham of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, has stepped forward with a challenge to support Falkner for any sum up to £500 a side in a match on the scale proposed by the champion. Inman to play 18,000 against Falkner's 15,500. Hegnbotham is a prominent amateur cueist, and an ardent advocate of the billiard sport. In his younger days at Oxford he won the "Varsity" cup. More recently he has attracted favorable attention as a runner-up in the amateur championships. He has a break of 174 balls, which stood as a record for an amateur for a considerable time.



Melbourne Inman.

Thomas Newman of North London is another player eager to oppose Inman. Newman has been tentatively allotted a handicap of 1,500 points on the champion, and it is generally felt that, under this arrangement, Newman is being accorded generous treatment. Thomas Reece has already accepted Inman's offer to concede him, with Stevenson, a handicap of 1,000 points. Stevenson, however, has not definitely decided.

ELIS WANT TAD JONES



An effort is being made by Yale's football leaders to bring Tad Jones back as coach of the 1919 varsity squad.

Wants Stadium Memorials.
Fred Ruben, secretary treasurer of the Amateur Athletic union, would have athletic stadiums built in all the big cities as memorials to the athletes who lost their lives in the war.

BOSTON, WASHINGTON AND DETROIT MAKE THREE-CORNERED DEAL INVOLVING SIX MEN



The biggest deal of the baseball conference was put through recently when the Washington, Boston and Detroit clubs made a three-cornered trade which sends Shortstop Hal Jannett of the Red Sox to Washington, George Dumont, the Washington pitcher, and Oscar Vitt, the Detroit third baseman, to the Red Sox, and Chick Shorten, the outfielder, Slim Love, the Red Sox pitcher, and Eddie Almsmith, the Washington backstop, to Detroit.

This is the most important trade

that has been made in some time and was arranged so as to benefit all clubs concerned. Washington needed a shortstop to take the place of Doc Lavan, who is through with the game. The Red Sox were badly in need of a third baseman, and in Vitt they landed one of the best fielders and batsmen in the business. Detroit got a promising outfielder in Shorten, and the Tiger catching staff is strengthened by the addition of Almsmith, who for many years has been the catcher for Walter Johnson.

BASEBALL IN LONDON

"There was a good deal of baseball played in London last summer, and the doughboys often took English girls to see the games," said Earl Dunmore at a Washington reception.

"I heard of a doughboy who said to a girl as they entered the ball grounds together:

"If there is anything you want explained, tell me. I guess a lot of things seem meaningless to you."

"Everything seems meaningless," said the girl, "and some things seem idiotic."

"What seems idiotic?" asked the doughboy.

"Well," said the girl, "why do you call the seats the stands?"

INTERESTING SPORT PARAGRAPHS

The Great Lakes Athletic association bowling alleys, just opened, cost \$8,000.

Jole Ray of the Illinois A. C. will compete in indoor track meets this winter.

Helenie Groh of the Reds was the leading run scorer of the National league last year.

The American Automobile association, the national organization of motorists, is composed of 200,000 members.

Mal Branch Blaney of the Cardinals didn't have his return home heralded with trumpets. No one knew he was back from France until he reached St. Louis.

Great deeds have been made ever Joe Leonard of Great Lakes, but the little fellow wasn't even a regular with the Washington club when he joined the navy, and now there's no place open for him.

Walton Cruise will have his bludgeon working for the St. Louis Cards this season, which means that Messrs. Roush and Wheat will have to bestir themselves if they want to lead the Heydler swatting circle.

John Titzell "20" pitcher on the University of Pennsylvania nine and halfback on the eleven, has returned to college from the United States service. He is ranked as one of the best college pitchers in the East.

Walter Pipp, former Catholic university fence buster, who has poked out plenty of long ones as a Yankee, will be back on his old post at first base when the next campaign begins. He recently was mustered out of the naval aviation service.

WHY UMP O'LOUGHLIN WAS CALLED "SILK"

Some Guessers Ascribed It to
High Quality of His Work.

Wore Long, Silky Hair When He Was
Boy and Brother Gave Him Nick-
name—Started Career in Home
Town of Rochester.

Doubtless many have wondered how it was that Umpire O'Loughlin, who recently passed away, acquired the nickname of "Silk." Some guessers ascribed it to the high quality of his work, others to clean, fine repartee, but none is correct. When he was a lad he had long, silky hair, which caused his brother to call him "Silk." The other boys were very quick to adopt the new title, and "Silk" it was from that time until he said farewell to all.

"Silk" began his career as an amateur in his home city, Rochester, N. Y., where he was connected with some of the best amateur teams. He played baseball until 1894, when his general technical knowledge of the game was recognized and he was drafted into the ranks of umpiredom in a somewhat precipitous manner.

The city of Rochester and vicinity always was noted for its high-class amateur clubs, and the intense rivalry that existed between teams of that city and the neighboring towns and villages probably was unsurpassed in any other section of the country. In the season of 1894 the town of Palmyra had a strong team of professionals, among whom was "Stump" Weidman, formerly a member of the Detroit team and a brother-in-law of "Silk"; Paul Cooke, who was connected with the Brooklyn brotherhood; Mark Baldwin, Pete Sweeney and other headliners. The Palmyras had an important game scheduled with one of its noted rivals. Considerable difficulty had been experienced before in procuring the services of a



"Silk" O'Loughlin.

competent umpire, as the game was extremely exciting and the rivalry at fever heat.

One of "Silk's" admirers suggested to the management that he would be just the man to officiate as umpire in this game. He was requested to officiate and accepted. He gave his decisions clearly, distinctly, fearlessly and with entire satisfaction to all concerned. He umpired the rest of the series in the same acceptable manner, and it may be said that this was the beginning of his career as an umpire. For the remainder of that season and for two succeeding seasons "Silk" was in constant demand as an umpire throughout New York state.

He had his first league assignment in 1898 in the Atlantic league of which Ed Barrow was the president. In 1902 he joined the American league and was a star until the end.

LOWE IS GIVEN COMMISSION

Former Fordham Football Star Made
First Lieutenant and Honored
With Croix de Guerre.

Lieut. George H. Lowe, Jr., a former football star at Fordham university, who won a commission as first lieutenant and also the Croix de Guerre



Lieut. George H. Lowe, Jr.

for conspicuous bravery. He directed the evacuation of wounded from the first line as a member of the United States army ambulance service with the French army. He was wounded during the fighting in the Argonne sector.

CORN GREW ON HOUSE ROOF

Strange Place, Well Authenticated,
Chosen by Nature to Produce
the Staff of Life.

For several weeks farmers on the Lane road observed a green substance on the roof of an abandoned house on the Le Gale farm, says a Gaffney Falls (N. Y.) correspondent. They watched it grow until it attained a height of 5 feet. The men reported the phenomenon, but were laughed at.

However, Jabez Montow, who watched the green substance for four weeks, invited the village president, H. E. Shotts, and two others to accompany him to the house for an investigation.

The men accepted the invitation. A ladder was obtained from the engine house, placed in an automobile truck and the men went to the house. There they found two stalks of corn 6 feet in length, with two large and well-formed ears of corn on each stalk protruding from the roof. The men entered the garret of the house and found the hill of corn in a mass of soot and dirt, an accumulation of years.

The stalks were removed and brought to town. They measured 9 feet in length, 2 feet being beneath the roof. The men each took an ear of corn, which is of the red variety, for seed next season.

HERE YOU HAVE THE POILU

Brief Definition of Man to Whom
Many Will Claim the World
Owes Its Salvation.

An humble man who, one July afternoon in 1914, left at two hours' notice his Parisian shop or workshop, or his ripe wheat fields or his ripening vines, for a military depot he had never liked, and had managed to tolerate only because soldiering and all things soldierly are likable to the Frenchman and take on halo in his imagination, was packed to the Belgian frontier; made the acquaintance of danger under all its forms; fought, hungered, hungered and thirsted—for days; knew the trenches when they were in their crudest novelty and worse than the bugger's hole; got wounded and lay for hours, sometimes days, where he had fallen, or crawled miles to a hurried surgeon and to the torturing goods trucks pompously labeled sanitary trains; got well and went back to the depot, and then back to the front and to fighting or being shelled; and so on during the four years, with the ever disappointing certainty that "next winter must be the last," or that imminent coming in of this or that nation must bring the end.

Aviator's Heart Enlarged.

Doctors Etienne and Lamy of Nancy, France, have conducted a series of X-ray examinations of the hearts of aviators and have found evidence of considerable enlargement. The heart enlargement sets in early in the flying man's career, being noticeable after five months of experience in the air. The degree of enlargement is roughly proportioned to the height to which the aviator is accustomed to fly, so that simple examination of the X-ray plate suffices to determine a man's branch of flying service; whether he is doing chasing and bombing work at high altitudes, or is engaged at harrying infantry, etc., at comparatively low altitudes.

Worthy Son of Nippon.

One of the first Japanese settlers in California was Kame Nagasawa, the present owner of one of the largest wheries in the state. In 1895 the then young Nagasawa was sent to Scotland for education by the prince of Satsuma. While in Edinburgh he was befriended by a Mr. Harris, founder of a certain religious faith of high idealism. In 1908 Harris came to the United States to found an ideal colony, and Nagasawa accompanied him to New York, where he stayed for over ten years. When Harris established a colony in Santa Rosa in 1880 Nagasawa was his confidant and fellow pioneer. By his zeal and industry he converted the wilderness into a vineyard and today his vines command the highest prices in the markets of London and Paris.

Don't Seek Happiness.

Sidney Smith said that a great many people hunt for happiness as an absconding man hunts for his hat, running about everywhere looking for it, when all the time it is in his hand or on his head. You can be happy right where you are, if you can be happy anywhere. The materials for content are in your hands. Don't hunt. Use them.

American Soldiers' Glory.

Attacking with the ferocity of lions and enduring as only hardy, brave men can endure, the gallant Rock of the Marne, Thirty-eighth United States infantry shock regiment, broke the strongest Hindenburg's lines and opened a gap through which American soldiers poured to seal with their bullets the fate of autocracy.

A Bad Prospect.

"Do you expect your son home soon, Mrs. Grubbs?"
"Oh, no. He thinks he won't be demoralized inside six months."